

## **Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods Director joined COPES conference** *Highlighting the importance of new grant*

LOUISVILLE, KY (October 7, 2015) -- The Council on Prevention and Education: Substances, Inc. (COPES) has been awarded a \$1.5 million, five-year federal grant to address substance abuse and the need for HIV prevention in the Greater Louisville area, with a focus on west Louisville.

The funding, which comes from the U.S. Department for Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), was announced at a news conference today.

Anthony Smith, Director of the Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods out of Mayor Fischer's Office, joined COPES at the news conference to further explain how the grant will be used.

"Greater Louisville is privileged to have a partner like COPES, Inc. – who understands that prevention and intervention are important, in order for us to have safe and healthy neighborhoods", said Smith.

The grant will be used in prevention and intervention efforts primarily in west Louisville. This area is one of the main focuses of the One Love Louisville campaign from the Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods. Director Smith will serve as a key contributor with COPES to facilitate the grant.

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